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The Best Place to Live

"Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the Lord."—Gen. 13:18.

The twelfth chapter of Genesis gives the story of Abraham out of fellowship. There is no mention of God on his way down to Egypt, nor during his sojourn there. He was not happy in the place which is typical of the world. Neither was the world happy to have him, because we read in chapter 12:20, "And they sent him away." They literally threw him out of the place.

The backsliding of Abraham not only cost him a year of wasted life, but has cost his people after the flesh dearly until this hour. It is costly to a Christian to leave the place of fellowship.

Abraham now comes to Hebron and builds an altar. Hebron means fellowship. From this time we see Abraham rise to such heights as man rarely ever as-cended. He was able finally in chapter 22 to meet God's su-preme test and give his all on the altar that God directed him

Our whole message has to de



with the word fellowship. It is one of the loveliest expressions found in our language. We learn, as children, the meaning of this word. My own father would leave us with instructions as to what to do and what not to do. Somehow the prohibitions are far easier to remember. Often I would do one of the forbidden things, and immediately, even though father might have been a long way off, I knew I was out of fellowship. There had to be a confession and a correction before things were right. Upon his return my brother and sisters who had not broken the rules would rush out, glad to see him. On the contrary, I would linger behind, reluctant to be seen. My very attitude would be a dead give-away. Father would ask the trouble; of course, as all brothers and sisters, mine would gladly supply the gruesome details of my offense. After the proper correction, father would give a smile, indicating all was forgiven. A great warmth would come into my heart as I knew the blessedness of being restored

to a place of fellowship. As wonderful as it is to be in fellowship with family and friends, there is nothing to equal the joy of fellowship with God. The whole epistle of I John has fellowship as its theme. We are told how to continue in unbroken fellowship. "But if we walk in (Continued on page 4)

Assurance of Salvation by the Word of God

THE FIRST SECRET OF CHRISTIAN HAPPINESS AND SUCCESS

By EVANGELIST JOHN R. RICE

(Chapter I of the book, Seven Secrets of a Happy, Prosperous Christian Life, brand-new book of 64 pages, now being offered free to those who write for it.)

was to be strictly a sign that they

believed their sins were remitted

when they repented, calling upon Christ for salvation. I can imagine

that a man steps up and says,

on what basis do you call yourself

The first rule for a happy and successful Christian life is to know that you are saved! This is the very foundation of Christian happiness and Christian usefulness

and spiritual prosperity.

Jesus said, "Rejoice, because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20). And how can you have that rejoicing if you do not know whether or not your name is written in Heaven?

How can you have confidence when you come to pray if you do not even know that you are God's child? If you do not know that the first prayer that you ever prayed the prayer for forgiveness and salvation—has been answered, how can you have any confidence to pray for the salvation of others?

If you do not know that you yourself were saved, and if you have not understood the Word of God clearly enough to convince yourself of your salvation, then how could you make the same road to salvation clear to others? D. L. Moody said that after many years of experience he had never seen a single successful soul winner who was not sure about his own salvation.

1. Only Those Who Gladly Received the Word Were Baptized

One can see how wise was Spirit-filled Peter and the other apostles to demand that those who came for baptism should gladly receive the Word of God and base on that Word their assurance of salvation. After Peter had preached and made clear the plan of salvation, we are told, "Then they that gladly received his word were baptized" (Acts 2:41).

Who were baptized? Let us imagine the scene. The power of God has fallen in a wonderful way. Multitudes have turned to Christ, this day of Pentecost when the hundred and twenty who have been waiting in the upper room for ten days "were all filled with the Holy Ghost." Sinners, pricked in their hearts by Peter's sermon, had been plainly told that they should repent and then should be baptized as an outward declaration of that repentance, and were promised not only that they should be saved but that they should also have, like these others at Pentecost, "the gift of the Holy Ghost." They had been told clearly how Christ had been crucified for them

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and from the text in Joel 2:32, the Word of God.' they had had it preached to them that "whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Acts 2:21). Their baptism, then,

Peter, I want to be baptized, too, as a Christian." "But are you saved? Are your sins forgiven? Why do you claim that your sins are forgiven, and

a child of God?" I imagine that Peter asked.

To this I can imagine that the new convert plainly says, "I have just heard that God raised Jesus Christ from the dead, proving that He is the Christ of the Old Testament. I believe, then, that He died for my sins. According to the Word of God, 'whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' My heart has called upon Him, trusted in Him. My heart has turned from its sin, depending on Jesus. I believe that He has forgiven me and saved me because the Word of God you quoted to us from Joel says that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved,' and I have called upon Him. Peter, I believe the Word you have preached and I am claiming to be a child of God and to have a right

to be baptized on the basis of

The crowd of Christians smile and thank God for a sinner saved, and the apostles nod their heads in united approval. "Yes! He is ready to be baptized. He has gladly received the Word of God, has trusted Christ for his salvation and is depending upon God's Word that he is saved. His assurance is based on what God has plainly promised." And so the man was approved for baptism.

But I imagine that some other man comes and says, "I, too, want to be baptized. I want to be a Christian. In fact, I call myself a Christian already and I think I ought to be baptized as others

are being baptized."
"And on what basis do you claim that your sins are forgiven and that you are a child of God?" I imagine that the Apostle John may have asked him. "I'm se glad that you want to be a child of God and I trust that you are. Now if you have really been saved you ought to be baptized, but how do you know that you are saved?"

Let us imagine that this man says, "I've heard the plain preaching of Peter and I am pricked in my heart. My conscience accuses me of my sins. Therefore, I want to do better. I have resolved never to be drunk any more, never to lie or steal. I want to serve God

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A Personal Testimony

By REV. CARL McINTIRE, D.D. Pastor, Bible Presbyterian Church, Collingswood, N. J. Editor, THE CHRISTIAN BEACON

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ing everybody.

This final talk I want to make in the nature of a personal testimony. I believe that Jesus Christ is the Saviour. I know that He died for my sins, and I trust Him. My only hope of Heaven and of eternity is in the finished work of His cross. My, how I praise God for this Gospel and this hope! It is all that I have; the only message there is that is worth preaching.

The last few nights I have been talking to you about modernism and socialism and near-communism in the Federal Council of Churches, and the issues that we face in the Christian world. They concern everyone of us who believes the Bible. But someone says How is it that churches could get away from the truth? The only answer is that they have turned aside from the Bible.

Here is another Sunday school quarterly from The Methodist Church-October, November, December, 1948-in which the Intermediates, the young boys and girls, are told: "Folks used to think that

Moses wrote all these books. [referring to the Pentateuch], but the best Bible scholars now tell us this is not so. There were several reason for this earlier belief. The authors of the books said they

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Dr. Carl McIntire

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and win His approval. I feel sure that if I live right and hold out faithful He will receive me. Therefore, I want to be in the church with God's people, to live with them and among them, and I hope to hold out faithful to the end and prove myself a Christian."

Here is a man who wants to do right, wants to be saved. But either he is not saved or he, while trusting in his heart, does not have the assurance of salvation based upon the plain Word of God. His assurance may be a fleeting assurance that will leave at the first temptation or persecution. He may "feel" all right now, but what about when he comes into temptation or neglects to pray, or when he finds it difficult to live as a Christian ought? So I imagine that the Apostle John, the Apostle Peter and others would sadly shake their heads and say, "No, no, my friend! Before you are baptized we feel that you ought to have assurance based upon the Word of God. We are baptizing only those who gladly receive God's Word on this matter and base their hope upon God's Word." So the man would either be instructed further and taught to base his assurance upon the Word of God, or he would be denied baptism until that matter was made clear. The man might be an unsaved man depending on his works. Or he might be a really born-again Christian but poorly instructed and with a cloudy understanding of the way of salvation. But at Pentecost, we are told, only those were baptized who gladly received the Word as it was preached by the other Christians, particularly by Peter in the public message.

2. Can One Absolutely Know He Is Saved?

Years ago I heard a good woman say to her pastor in a public prayer meeting: "But, Brother Pastor, it seems to me it would be very presumptuous for me to say that I know I am saved. I can say that I have a hope of salvation, but I know that I am unworthy. I could say that I intend to do my part and trust that the Lord will forgive me and take me to Heaven. But would it not be presumptuous for me to say that I know I am good enough to go to Heaven?'

To this the pastor very wisely replied, "None of us is good enough for Heaven in our own works. Every one of us is a poor Helldeserving sinner. The only ones

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who can ever go to Heaven are sinners who are saved by God's undeserved mercy and grace, sinners cleansed by the blood of Christ. So," he said, "nobody in the world has any right to count on his goodness, on his character, on his righteousness to get him to Heaven."

"But, on the other hand," the pastor continued, "if I have come to Christ and trusted in His atoning blood, and if the Word of God gives me clear assurance that he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life' (John 3:36), and 'he that believeth on him is not condemned (John 3:18), and that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved' (Acts 2:21), then I would not be presumptuous to claim what God has said is true. I would be making Him a liar and doubting Him if I did not claim what He said was true. So when I know I have trusted in Jesus Christ and not in myself; when I know that I have depended on what Jesus has done for me and what He has promised that He would do for me, then it is not presumption but is an honest faith that can say, 'I know I am saved!"

But does the Bible clearly say, in so many words, that we can know we are saved? Yes, thank God, it does! In I John 5:13 are these blessed words: "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that may believe on the name of the Son of God." A part of the Bible is written, we are told, for the express purpose "that ye may know that ye have eternal life

Years ago I was preaching in a tent revival campaign in San Antonio, Texas. Two lovely girls sixteen and eighteen years of age came under the tent one night just before the song service began. I gave each of them a song book and then said to the older girl, "Are you a Christian? Have you been saved?

She looked at me with an innocent face and said respectfully, Yes I think I am a Christian. Of course, I do not know. I don't think you can know. But I do the best I know how and I think I can say that I am a Christian. Of course, nobody can know for sure whether or not he is saved."

"Oh yes, you can know," I said. 'And you ought to make sure and know that you are saved."

"But I do not think that you can know," she said.

"Well," I said, "let us not argue about it. Suppose I find it in the Bible that you can know that you are saved. Would you believe it then?" I asked.

"Yes, of course I will believe it if it is in the Bible. But I do not believe it is there. I do not believe that one can know that he is saved."

I got my Bible and turned to this wonderful passage in I John her we read it together: "These things have I written unto you then one who depends upon his that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ve may believe on the name of the Son of God."

"You see," I said, "you can know that you are saved. Here in the Bible is a portion of Scripture that was written expressly so you can know that you are saved."

I saw the tears start up in her eyes, and then she looked at me and said very softly and with deep emotion, "Yes! One can know!"

"Now read the rest of the verse carefully," I said. "How does one get to be a child of God so he can know it?"

She read the verse again: "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, AND THAT YE MAY BELIEVE ON THE NAME OF THE SON OF GOD."

"I see it now! One who believes in Christ and depends on Christ has a right to know that he has blessings without money and with-

we bowed our heads and asked the Lord Jesus to help her trust Him right there. And she did trust Him. She took my hand earnestly as a sign that there and then she would claim Him as Saviour and went away knowing that she had everlasting life. And her sixteenyear-old sister likewise trusted Christ and on the basis of this plain Word of God knew that she had everlasting life.

Oh yes, then, one can know that he is saved.

There are a number of similar passages in the Bible which clearly say that one can know he is saved. For example, in I John 5:19 we are told: "And we know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in wickedness'

Again I John 3:14 says, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren . .

Again in I John 2:3 we are "And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments."

2. But This Perfect Assurance of Salvation is not Automatic: One Can Be Truly Converted and Yet have Doubts, Not Perfect Assurance

Some people think that if anything so wonderful as forgiveness of sins and the salvation of the oul has happened to a person, that he could never doubt it. Some people believe that when one is saved he automatically knows and can never doubt his salvation. But that position is not supported by the Word of God. Actually, a Christian can know beyond any doubt that he is saved and every Christian ought to know beyond any doubt that he is saved; but many people, in fact, do not know it. That assurance has to come by an understanding of the Word

of God. It is true that many people have such a sweet assurance and peace and joy at the time of their turning to Christ that they are happy and have a sweet assurance, for the time being, based upon the "experience." They say, "I was there when it happened and I ought to know!" Some tell how ought to know!" they felt as light as a feather. Others tell how they saw a bright light shining from Heaven. Others tell how they praised God aloud and felt the glory of the Lord in their souls. Some tell how they were instantly changed and how old habits dropped away and that things they once hated they now loved and what they once loved they now hated. Some people, after they have trusted in Christ, have an assurance that is based upon their feelings, their emotions, upon their experiences. But alas, that kind of assurance does not always last! They feel wonderful for the present, but the time comes when they lose their sense of God's nearness. Perhaps through lack of prayer, or lack of meditation upon the Word of God, or through some sin or some neglect, they lose the sense of God's constant presence and lose the sense of His forgiveness. Immediately such people are prone to believe that they have lost their 5:13, and holding the Bible before salvation. Or, when the feelings of joy and happiness disappear, feelings may think, "I suppose I was mistaken. Probably I was never saved or I would not feel like this and I would not fall into the sins that trap me now." one who depends on his feelings may, after a great struggle with conscience and trying again and again to feel as he once felt, decide that he has committed the unpardonable sin, that the Spirit of God has left him forever because of some real or fancied sin. I tell you it is an uncomfortable

> of salvation! How well I know about this! When I was nine years old I trusted Christ as my Saviour. It was after a good sermon by a godly pastor in Gainesville, Texas. He preached upon the parable of the prodigal son and told us how that any poor sinner who would turn to the Lord would receive a glad welcome and forgiveness and peace, and that, like the prodigal son, we would receive all these

Then he asked those who would take Christ as Saviour and trust Him, turning in their hearts to the Father's house for mercy and forgiveness, to come forward. I slid off the pew, walked down the aisle and took the pastor's hand to claim Christ as my Saviour. They did not take time to teach me any of the Word of God. Perhaps they thought I was too young. I went home so happy that day and asked my father if it would be all rgiht for me to join the church and be baptized since I was now a Christian. He said, "Well, Son, when you are old enough to know you are a sinner and honestly re pent of your sins and be generated, then it will be time enough to join the church."

I sat stricken and silent before my father. I did not know what all those big words meant; repentance and regeneration and more. I simply knew my father did not think I was saved! Well, I thought, my father was the wisest man in the world and a preacher, besides; and if he thought I was not saved, I supposed I was not. Sadly I gave up the idea of joining the church and hoped the time would soon come when I would be old enough to be saved so my father would know that I was saved.

The next morning on the way to school I stopped under a willow tree down on Pecan Creek and prayed. I asked God to help me to be a good boy and asked Him to save other people, since my father thought I was too young to be

I wish I could tell you all the sadness and disappointment of the next three years. I often prayed. We moved out to a ranch in west Texas and then to a little cow town. The company was not always the best. My mother had gone to Heaven, and I was a motherless boy. I did not get much instruction in the Word of God. I got no assurance about Again and again I salvation. prayed for God to save me. Once I asked a godly preacher to pray for me and he asked me to pray for myself. So that night when I went home from the little church I went out into the horses' stall and knelt down and asked God to save me. Then I prepared for bed and knelt by the bed as I usually did for a good-night prayer and asked God to forgive my sins and save me. I felt no change. I did not have any glorious experience. I did not see any light shining around about me. I did not hear the flutter of angel wings. No electricity came in at my head or went out at my fingers and toes! So I sadly went to bed without any assurance of salvation. Then I thought, "Well, I had better settle this thing for good someway or other"; so I got out of bed and prayed again. There on my knees I thought how strange it was that when I realized I was a sinner and that there was nothing I could do to earn salvation and when God had promised so plainly that He would save people and that Jesus had died to pay for our sins-how strange, I thought, that God would not save me! I decided I would leave the matter in the hands of God the best I knew how and go to bed.

offered myself for membership in the church. I could not feel any great conviction for sin, and yet I did not know that I was saved. When, in that little west Texas church, they asked me to stand and give my "experience," give my testimony before being received into the church, I simply said that I had thought about the matter a great deal, that I did not want to be a Methodist so I had decided to be a Baptist! I was a trembling, inexperienced boy,

eternal life!" she said. And then out price, wholly undeserving. twelve years old. I was frightened at speaking before the people. And they someway had more confidence in my salvation than my testimony would have warranted, and received me in the church as a candidate for baptism!

When I was baptized I was strangely happy. Even yet I could give no clear testimony as to when was saved or how. Oh, I wished that I knew just how and when I was saved and could know for sure that it was settled for good! But when others gave the very date and place when they were saved and told how happy they had been, I could not give any such experience.

Then one glad day I began reading the New Testament and came upon those wonderful promises in the Gospel of John, like clusters of ripe fruit on a beautiful tree!

"As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, EVEN TO THEM THAT BELIEVE ON HIS NAME."—John 1:12.

"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life."

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that heareth my word and be-(Continued on page 3)







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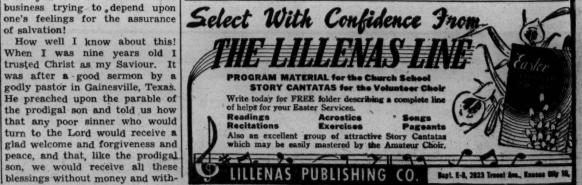
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Heveth on him that sent me, hath and fears. everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation; but is passed from death unto life."-John 5:24.

Oh, that last wonderful promise! I found that when I heard the Word of God and put my trust in the God who had sent His Son to save me, I then and there received everlasting life. I had often tried to remember that incident or that experience when I was nine years old and came to claim the Saviour publicly. I could not remember how I felt. I wondered if I had been as deeply moved as one must be to be saved. I recalled that a twelve-year-old boy who came the same day had been weeping and I had shed not a tear! I had thought many a time, "If I were really saved I would not do some of the things I do." But now I saw, praise the Lord, that when I had put my trust in Jesus Christ, then and there I received everlasting life! My doubts and fears were gone; gone, thank God, for ever! From that day to this I have never doubted a moment that I am God's child. I know one thing beyond any doubt: when I trusted Jesus, depended on Him to forgive me. He did! The Word of God says so and that makes it so. On those promises I have hung the eternal welfare of my soul, and how sure, how unchanging is that blessed foundation for my faith!

3. How Foolish to Base One's Happiness and Assurance on Feelings!

Do you have doubts about your salvation? Do you sometimes wonder if you are truly a child of God? Then, dear friend, let me tell you something I have learned. It may comfort you to know that a great majority of the saints of God, before they became established in this sweet assurance based on the Word of God, have doubted and feared and trembled about their salvation. When they lived victoriously, then they felt sure of their salvation. When they fell into temptation or trouble, then they doubted whether they had ever been saved. Oh, feelings! Oh, emotions and experiences and ecstasies! What a foundation of shifting sand! How unreliable, how untrustworthy, how fleeting is all the assurance which one may have based upon one's feelings!

One man for long years had sweet confidence that he was saved, until he grew ill. His blood pressure was low and this brought about a natural depression and melancholy. Suddenly he began to have all kinds of doubts about his salvation. Satan, that old accuser of God's children, that enemy of a Christian's peace, takes advantage of every physical ailment, of every temptation to cause doubt and fear in the heart of a Christian who depends upon

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A woman came to me who had been a happy Christian for many on the authority of my mother. life came on and her health was unstable, her mind became a victim of all kinds of fears, as is frequently the case at such a time. She had come now to believe that she must have committed the unpardonable sin! All her joys were gone. She still loved the Lord, still wanted to serve Him. She had no pleasure in the things of the world. But because now her physical condition led to a natural depression and because she was emotionally upset, as is very customary with many women at such a time, she feared that God had forsaken her. Oh, people who look within themselves and examine their feelings and emotions and try by these feelings and emotions to prove that they are born again, that they are children

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But some preacher may boldly ay that if you do not know for sure that you are saved, that if you do not have "an experience" that always satisfies you, then you are not saved. "If you can have it and not know it, then you could lose it without missing it," wisecracks some preacher. And he may say, "I know I was saved because I was there when it hap-pened." Now that is really a very witty saying. It sounds so smart that one may not instantly recognize that such a man is depending not on the Word of God but upon his own changeable emotions and feelings and memories. Actually, the fact that you were there when it happened does not automatically guarantee that you will understand fully what happened and that you will always have perfect assurance of salvation.

Let me illustrate. "I was there when it happened" when I was born into the world the first time. Remember that salvation is simply a new birth. If one can know all about his second birth by the simple fact that he was there, then he ought to be able to know about his first birth for the same reason! Now I was born on December 11, 1895, in Cooke County, Texas. How do I know? Do you suppose that on that eventful day I sat up and looked about me and said, "Well! I see by the calendar that it is December 11, just two weeks before Christmas Eve! I'll put this in my notebook so I will always remember I was born on December 11!" Do you suppose that I looked at my mother and said,

"Your name, please, lady? I want to put it down in my notebook so I will always know who was my mother, who was my father, and the other conditions surrounding my birth." I did nothing of the kind! When I was born I did not know much of anything except when I got hungry. I learned gradually to know my mother's voice and to know when I was uncomfortable with dirty clothes or with the pricking of an unfastened safety pin. I later learned to focus both eyes and look at one object! Then I learned, I suppose, to smile when people tickled me under the chin. There were long months before I grew a single tooth, and other months before I learned to walk and talk. It is true that "I was there when it happened" at my first birth. But I was very young at the time, I took no note of my surroundings, and I cannot trust my memory

And yet I know; in fact, it is beyond any doubt at all in my mind, that I was really born on December 11, 1895, that William H. Rice was my father, that Sallie LaPrade Rice was my mother, and that Gertrude was my sister, eighteen months older. How do I know? That is easy! I have it It was written down in the family Bible. And recently I saw it written down on a separate piece of paper in my mother's own handwriting. There it was listed by her sweet fingers, "Gertrude Frances, born July 24, 1894. John R., born December 11, 1895 . .

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and so on with Ruth and George and baby Porter! I have the written record of one I absolutely trust. And so I know when I was born and who my mother and my

And, thank God, I have even better assurance than that about my second birth! I have the written record of God's own Word saying that when I put my trust in Jesus Christ P passed from death to life! I have the written record that "he that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life" (John 3:36). I believed in Him, trusted Him, depended on Him to forgive me. Now I know He has done it because He never failed to keep His word, and He never will!

I know that Jesus said, "All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out" (John 6:37). When 1 came to Christ it was because God the Father had given me to Jesus and put it in my heart to come! And then when I came He did not reject me, did not send me away, did not cast me out. He promised that He did not and would not. When I came to Jesus, He received me. I know, because I have the plain Word of God that cannot lie, that "him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

When I say I came to Christ I do not mean when I joined the church or when I was baptized or when I walked down an aisle or when I took the preacher's hand. I mean that in my heart I wanted Christ, I wanted forgiveness, and I decided to trust Him and chose to come to Him. In my mind and heart, when I decided to come to Jesus, I had already come, then, in His sight. And when I came He received me, He forgave me. That is far better assurance than my feelings and my emo-

"Whosoever shall call upon the e of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13). I know that I called on the Lord. And I know God is not trying to trip me up, not trying to take advantage of my ignorance. I know that He sees the heart and He knows I wanted salvation, that I offered myself to Him and depended on Him to save me. An honest God knows that'this poor sinner called on Him for salvation and turned the matter over to Him. Therefore, I have perfect assurance that I have the salvation which He promised. God cannot lie! And n His written record I claim that I have a contract with Him that He cannot and will not break. Oh, God wants to save sinners. He gave His Son to die on the cross to save sinners. And one who honestly, in his heart, calls on God for mercy and forgiveness and salvation, is assured of salvation by this clear promise of the

"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized," we are told of the new converts at Pentecost (Acts 2:41).

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of salvation, let us remember that the next verse, Romans 10:14, says, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed?" Actually, one who calls upon Christ for mercy and forgiveness has trusted Christ in the heart, and the prayer of the heart is simply the manifestation of faith. How would one call on God for mercy and forgiveness if he did not believe there is a God who hears and that God has provided a way of salvation? You see, saving faith is in the heart of one who honestly, penitently calls upon Christ for salvation.

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The Best Place to Live

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the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, live. and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (I John 1:7). We are told how our fellowship is broken in chapter 1, verse 6: "If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth." When it is broken we are told how it might be renewed, in chapter 1, verse 9: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

After once walking in communion with Him, how is it possible for all the great army of His children to be satisfied with husks of the world? Having drunk and felt the thirst-quenching satisfaction of a draught from His word as Isaac, how can you be satistied with a stagnant bottle on the desert sand as Ishmael? Come to Hebron and live. It is the best place to live.

Contrast Hebron and Sodom

Lot chose the plains. He made the choice of his own will and volition. The plains were well watered but the wicked cities were there.

Abraham didn't choose. He let God pick his route. The only safe way is to leave the choice in the hands of God. It might look as if you will be cheated, but you God cares for His own and will make ample provision.

We see Lot on the well-watered plains and Abraham in the high-lands, pitching his tent in He-Lot moved ever closer and closer to the wicked cities, and each step took him farther and farther from the influence of Abraham and the place of fellowship. Finally we see him in the gates of the city. It looks as if Abraham's nephew has really tance" (Josh. 14:13).
"arrived." He has been a big Caleb was saving. success-or has he?

Sodom is a picture of the world for all of God's children, as is Egypt. Lot was a typical Christian out of fellowship. He was a saved man. Second Peter 2:7 says, "And delivered just Lot . . ." The sins of the Old Testament saints are not named in the New Testament. On this side of Calvary they disappear. The Holy Spirit faithfully records Lot's failure as a warning to those who would seek satisfaction and recognition outside Hebron. The disaster and utter failure of this man is being repeated the world over today in the lives of God's children. It is easy to see in its various stages of development but very hard to point out to the victims that they are on the road to Sodom.

Because of his sojourn in Sodom, Lot lost family, wealth, testimony, friends, position and in-fluence. He left a blot against his name that time can never erase. No one would want to emulate his example, but millions are unwittingly doing so.

Abraham on the other hand grow more like Christ. proved himself to be a man who God has been able to bless the enjoy Hebron it had to be con-world. He was put in a show-quered. There was a mountain case, so to speak, and all the and giants to be conquered (Josh. succeeding generations were asked to walk by and look at a man is in Hebron and Sodom.

While looking in the concordance one day I found some interesting things in relation to

I. It Is a Fruitful Place (Num. 13:23, 24).

The large bunch of grapes brought out by the spies came from Hebron. It is significant that Hebron was a fruitful place. It is utterly impossible for a Christian to live constantly in the place of fellowship without bearing the fruit of a Christian. If your life is barren, it isn't necessary to advertise where you live. You might even have Hebron on your letterhead, and claim it as your home, but everyone will know that you are either in Sodom or well on your way there.

Galations 5:21, 22 records the God's man. kind of fruit your life will pro-

Spirit . Check your conduct with this list and it might be a revelation to you as to where you

One of the saddest experiences of Christ must have occurred at the foot of the mountain immediately after His transfiguration. While on the mountain a man brought his demon-possessed son to the disciples and they were helpless to deliver him. and they could not . . ." (Mark 9:18).

Why couldn't the disciples cast the demon out? Christ had given them power over demons but they had been so busy wondering and debating who would be greatest in His kingdom that they forgot how to do what He had commissioned them to do.

Now the man wonders if Christ is able. "But if thou canst do any thing" (Mark 9:22). The failure of Christ's disciples makes men doubt Christ's own ability. Our faithlessness and lack of fruitbearing casts a shadow over His whole cause.

Christ of course cast the demon out and then the disciples ask,"Why could not we cast him out?" Jesus answered, kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting." In other words, you must live in fellcwship if you are to work the works of God. He will enable us for every task if we live in fellowship with Him. But out of fellowship we are powerless.

II. Caleb Asked for Hebron

Caleb the faithful spy was eighty-five years old. He had wholly followed the Lord all the days of his life. Now it was time to divide the land. When asked what he wanted, he requested Hebron for an inheritance. It was given him. "And Joshua blessed him, and gave unto Caleb the son of Jephuneh Hebron for an inheri-

Caleb was saying, 'I have followed the Lord for eighty-five years and I find it so wonderful that I want to live in fellowship all the rest of my days.' Some folks imagine they can get in the habit of living in Hebron and then just coast in. No effort. Read the Bible through once Pray for awhile and go to Sunday School when a child. After that just drift.

It doesn't work out. The older you get the meaner you get, if you are out of Hebron. Old people can be meaner than young people. They know more ways, and have had more practice. You have seen old folks who have grown bitter, vindicative and sour. No one wants to be with them. On the other hand, some old folks live in the place of fellowship and grow so sweet that people beat a path to their door to receive a blessing from them.

George Mueller was heard pray ing when he was nearly ninety, and his prayer was, "Lord, save me from being a mean old man." We could all well pray that prayer. Let us live in Hebron and

A significant fact it is that bebelieved God, and through him fore Caleb could settle down and

It is no trouble to live in Sowho believed God. The difference dom. The road is paved. It is four lanes with a parkway in between. It is down hill and the wind is behind you. You can be in Sodom before you know it. But when you start toward Hebron, you have a uphill fight. Enemies are in the way. All the giants, the world, the flesh and the Devil have to be conquered before you can live there. God will give grace for the task and if we will fight them out and settle down in Hebron, we won't be there long until all will see the change.

III. David Was Anointed King There (II Sam. 5:5). Saul Was Not Annointed

in Hebron. David was anointed in Hebron from a ram's horn, and in that we see the altar, and Calvary and

It is in Hebron we anoint Christ duce by the power of the Holy to be King of our lives. If you

ever once know the blessedness of letting Him have complete control of your life, you will there and then put the reins in His hands and anoint Him King and Lord forever.

IV. Sarah Died There (Gen. 23:2)

Hebron is not only the best place to live; it is the only place to die.

Any number of folks want to live in Sodom or on the border land until just before the funeral; but without exception they call for the preacher just before they die. They neglect the church, ignore the Bible, live without a compassion for souls, spend their money selfishly without thought of God's part; but when dying time comes they want a big sendoff as if the world was suffering a great loss.

The most selfish thing I know is for a Chistian to take Christ as Saviour and then ignore His claims as Lord and use Him as a convenience out of Hell. If you want to die in Hebron, the best way is to live there. While the ambulance is rushing you from Sodom to Hebron you might die enroute. If you have lived there, your death is your coronation day. Death becomes your servant and opens the door to allow you to escape.

I have known no greater Christian than Dr. Harris Gregg. He and I were intimate during the last four years of his life. He reminded me of Christ, just as Dr. Earnest Reveal in Evansville does. He had so little changing to do to go to Heaven.

Dr. Gregg and I had planned a Bible Conference in Chattanooga at Christmas time. I was in Tucson, Arizona, with Dr. Beal for meetings when word came that my old friend was seriously ill. I cancelled a meeting in Phoenix, Arizona, and rushed home. Mrs. Gregg kept me informed as to his progress. There seemed no doubt that he was going home. Finally word came of his going.

Mrs. Brown and I went that evening to see Mrs. Gregg. She showed us the cot where he had lain, and told us of his going. He asked for his Scripture motto. It was, "Be not afraid, only be-lieve." She brought it from his upstairs room and hung it by his cot. He then asked to be turned on his side facing the wall. She turned him over. Then he closed his eyes and prayed, "O Father, give rest to the most unprofitable of all your unprofitable servants." Quietly and suddenly he was with his Lord whom he so loved and adored. His going was victorious, beautiful, and triumphant because he had lived in Hebron.

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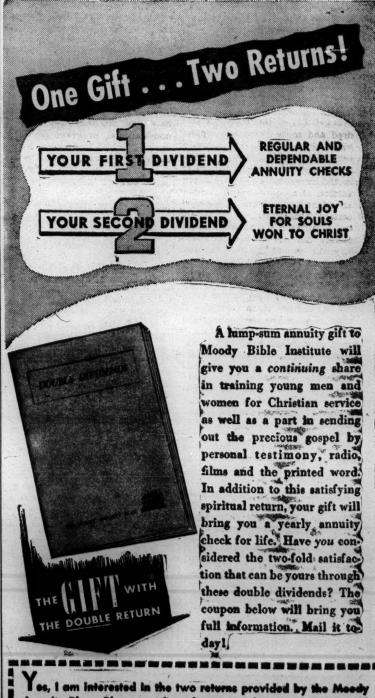
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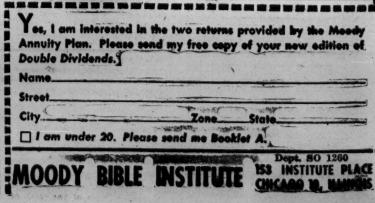
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A Personal Testimony

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were written by Moses, for one

"As a matter of fact, the books of the Pentateuch, in their present form, were written many years after Moses' death, but that great hero laid the foundation for all early Hebrew legislation. We don't know for sure that he wrote anything, or that he knew how to write!"

When I read a thing like this, given to the innocent boys and girls, it grieves and breaks my because Jesus Christ had something to say about Moses. He said to the religious leaders, "Had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me" (John 5:46). Now whose word are we going to take—that of Jesus Christ or the Methodist quarterly? I believe we should take the word of the Lord Jesus. We must believe Christ-all that He said.

My friends, it is a heartbreak. I have wept, I have shed many tears over what is happening. I never dreamed when Jesus Christ called me to be a preacher of the Gospel that I would be called upon to walk the path that I have gone, or to make radio talks like these! Paul said in Galatians 1:8 and 9, "If . . . an angel from heaven preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.' There is only one Gospel, and men must hear it, and we must defend that message.

I attended the last meeting of the Federal Council in Seattle, when Mr. Charles P. Taft, the present president, was elected. He delivered an address accepting the nomination, and this is what he said. I am going to quote it to you, but as I do, my heart is heavy. He goes out of his way to cast aside, as the solution for our present problems, the great saving doc-trines of the Word of God: "The evangelicals of the revival a hundred and more years ago emphasized the personal depravity of each man and the absence of any 'particle of inherent righteousness' in the miserable sinner. Only conversion of a kind that is fixed at an identifiable moment, the vicarious atonement of Jesus, and the justification that comes completely dissociated from anything else the sinner does, could save any of us. They had little appreciation of liturgical beauty. The belief right kind. The church of Christ in the verbal inspiration of the Bible made a pretty complete whole, all of which still can be found now in the new churches at which we are accustomed to look a little down our noses. The membership of the Church of God or of the Nazarene certainly shows the effectiveness of the old-time religion, even though we may be convinced it is not a solution, at least in those terms, to our modern problem."

My friends, these doctrines are total depravity of man, if we believed in the substitutionary atonement, we could have another redeny these doctrines, we are to let ing, Gothic in design, which our them be anathema. The Federal

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Council has fallen so far away that it takes a man who questions him president of the Council. Mr. Taft tells us where the doctrines can be found; he knows where they are not being preached. Let me say, if these doctrines were being preached and honored in the churches today, we would have a revival.

I am a Presbyterian. I was born in a Presbyterian manse. I was reared in the Southern Presbyterian Church. I went to Princeton to start my ministerial training. There I learned of the conflict between belief and unbelief, of modernism in the church, and of the rising of what is called higher I had to stand on the side of the Bible, regardless of what it cost do! or what it meant, and I have stood in the church with that group that fought against the modernist doctrines and these rising socialist philosophies. Fifteen years ago I ecame the pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Collingswood, New Jersey, a church of 1166 members I was twenty-eight. The church was greatly disturbed over modern. ism in the Board of Foreign Missions of the denomination, and we reached the point where we refused to send any money to the Board because missionaries were being sent out who denied the way of salvation. I worked with others in the church to try to have the Board corrected, and, when the General Assembly refused to correct the situation, the late Dr. J. Gresham Machen, scholar and defender of the faith, led in the organization of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions. I became a member of that Board.

Immediately, in 1934, the General Assembly attacked this Independent Board in a mandate and directed that its ministers resign immediately and that they support Lord Almighty." In these days only the officially approved denominational program or be put hood of man and gloss over and on trial. I had to make a decision before my Saviour. Would I obey the General Assembly, or would I obey what I believed the Bible taught? I believe the Bible forbids us to support, with God's money, unbelief. I believe it is wrong to send out missionaries who do not preach the way of salvation. I also believe that we are commanded to send out the is not a forum; it does not include all views and opinions. We present only one way of salvation, and that is the Christ of the Bible, His shed blood and bodily resurrection.

Well, I refused. I was tried, and in 1936 the General Assembly, in its highest court, speaking in the name of Jesus Christ and upon His authority, suspended me from the ministry and commanded me not to take the holy Communion of Jesus Christ again until I repented of my "sin" and obeyed this order. solution. If we believed in the Need I tell you what happened? My great church in Collingswood -and, thank God for it-said, We have to separate from the denomvival. The Bible tells us, when men ination. We had a beautiful build- lieve it will not be very long. of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and, since the fight was over the Bible, we simply put the word "Bible" in front of the word 'Presbyterian," and called our-Church.

When the General Assembly came to take away our property from us. we fought for it. We lost in the lower court, and we walked out-1200 of us. We met in a tent on an empty lot. It was cold. Then we built a wooden tabernacle, and today we are still in that wooden tabernacle, more than 1600 of us. The Bible Presbyterian denomination now has twelve presbyteries, and churches in twenty-seven states of the Union. My, how I praise God! He is Lord! The Bible Presbyterian Church had a part in the establishment of the American Council of Christian Churches.

"The word of God is not bound." Property and position and prefer- from Christian Beacon Press, Hadment are nothing compared to the eternal verities of the faith of our wood, New Jersey.)

fathers. Think what our fathers went through, and suffered! But there comes a time when decision has to be made-will it be Christ and obedience to Him, or will it be men, and a church organization? I love Christ, and I love His church the saving doctrines and elects I have never said one single word against the true church of Jesus Christ. Everything I have ever done and fought for has been for the preservation of the true church of our blessed Lord and Saviour. God cannot bless sin; God cannot bless unbelief; and God is going to judge us unless His people who love Him take a stand for His Word. We came out. I say to you tonight, those of you who are in denominations and churches where there is modernism, if those churches can be purified, stay in and fight; but if not, then you should separate and take part in the establishment and preservation of a true church that will preach criticism. I immediately said that the Gospel and which God will honor. The Bible tells us what to

The Bible is our charter; it is our hope. I believe that millions of Americans who believe and love the Bible do not know what is being done and what is going on. They need to be told. You need to help us tell them. This was one reason we started the Christian Beacon, a weekly religious newspaper, twelve years ago. God is blessing it and sending it to all parts of the world. This was one reason we started Faith Theological Seminary where today seventyfive college graduates are learning to preach and to go out and take their places in the great battle of the day. My, what a company we have found! There are more than seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal!

Most of all, we have found the Lord Jesus Christ in all His faithfulness and all His blessedness. He said, "Come out from among them, and be ve separate, saith the Lord and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the when men talk about the brotherconfuse the great issues of salvation and of death and of eternity, those of us who know the real brotherhood of the redeemed have found a precious Father, the eter-

My personal testimony and my plea to you tonight is, if you are a Christian, in the light of God's Word, do something about what I have told you. If you are not a Christian, Jesus Christ will save you and you can spend the rest of your days being a faithful witness and worker for Him in helping to build a true church of our Lord, and in helping to save free America.

Let's be done with socialism. Let's be done with helping the communist program in America. Let's be done with these confused. ideas. Let's go out and use our strength to preserve our free so-ciety with all the liberties that are guaranteed to us in the Constitution of the United States.

I believe that Jesus Christ is coming back again. As I see the shaping up of world events, I belook for Him every day. He told people had built at a cost of \$250,- me to watch, and when He comes 000. We renounced the jurisdiction the dead are going to be raised, and we are going to be given new bodies. My, how the cry of the heart of the Christian continues, Even so, come quickly, Lord Jesus.

I have been in your city of Nashselves the Bible Presbyterian ville attending the eleventh General Synod of the Bible Presbyterian Church. That Synod adjourned today. The pastors and journed today. their wives, elders, and representatives have gone back to their churches. Pray for us.

Take your Bible, take these facts, wherever you are, and God will show you clearly His will for you, and your place for the glory of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for listening. Good

night, and good-by.

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Some of you have grown from backsliders to spiritual Christians, from worldlings to soul winners by the strong meat as well as the milk of the Word given weekly in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. It is only common gratitude, the Christian courtesy that everyone owes to those who help them, that you should write and tell us of the blessings you have received.

Last year during letter month we received nearly 12,000 letters. Within the last week we have heard indirectly soul-winning evangelist in Spain, from native Christian workers in Sicily, directly from a missionary in Japan, from a missionary in Argentina, and another in Venezuela, who told how they have been blessed through THE SWORD OF THE LORD and volspread this unteered to help anointed Christian literature in the far-off fields of the earth. In one day last week we had seven letters from seven people saved through our literature. were saved through my sermon on "The Banquet Invitation, R.S. V.P." in a recent Sword; three were saved through the booklet, "What Must I Do To Be Saved?" and one through the booklet, Religious But Lost. These writers showed only common gratitude, the Christian courtesy always due (Continued on page 6)

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Reports From America's Outstanding Soul Winners

By BILL RICE, Associate Editor

This has been an especially blessed week from many standpoints. The men on our Extension Staff reported seventy-two conversions and restorations, there were thirteen who wrote in to tell us they had been saved through Sword literature, and now the following glowing reports tell about nouls saved in revival campaigns in various parts of this nation and Canada.

Canadian Pastor Reports 200 Conversions and Restorations in Jim Mercer Campaign

Pastor David Anderson of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Tabernacle, Owen Sound, Ontario, writes to tell of a wonderful revival campaign conducted there by Evangelist Jim Mercer. "Without exaggeration," Mr. Anderson writes, "I believe the whole city felt the impact of the campaign.' Part of his letter follows:

"The weeks of January 9 to February 6, 1949, witnessed the greatest evangelistic effort in the twenty-five year history of the Alliance Tabernacle of Owen Sound, Ontario. Rev. Jim Mercer, dynamic southern evangelist of Dothan, Alabama, was the human instrument who, under God, stirred the entire city and surrounding communities.

"The opening Sunday morning had the hush of the Holy Ghost upon it. The subject was 'Hell' and at the invitation a young married woman for whom much prayer had been offered came forward publicly under deep con-Sunday viction and was saved. night six more responded. Monday night was Sunday School night and 95% of the schools' enrollment was present, with the teachers. Seventeen of the chil-dren professed Christ. Night by night the attendance and interest grew. A deep burden for souls rested on these prayer warriors. h tears, men and women cried to God for the salvation of souls.

"As the end of the second week drew near, pastor, people and the evangelist knew the campaign should continue. Week-night attendances now filled the church and on Sunday afternoon and eveming the Tabernacle was packed, including the side annex and the platform. . . . At the urgent request of the pastor, the evangelist ... continued through the fourth

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The pastor went on to say the meeting had been widely adver-tised with placards, handbills, newspaper advertisements and radio announcements.

Evangelist Joe B. Rice Has Blessed Revival in Denison, Texas



Evangelist Joe B. Rice

Joe is the middle brother of the three Rice preachers. (I am the baby of the family and never allowed to forget it!—B.R.) In the midst of the most disagreeable weather Texas has experienced in many, many years the church building was filled and God blessed with a stirring revival. The fine pastor, Rev. Milton Kresse, wrote me and I quote a portion of his letter:

"My heart shall ever praise God from whem all blessings flow for sending your brether, Joe Rice, our way. Indeed he was not only week . . . At every service, except a blessing to Mrs. Kresse and my-four, decisions were made. A self; he was truly a blessing to

ministry." munity as well . . . The building was completely filled after the third night. We also praise God for having seen souls saved for whom we had been praying for

the entire five years that we have been here as pastor. Also we rejoiced to see some fathers and mothers who had been cold and indifferent toward the cause of Christ, come rededicating their

"In all the five years as pastor at Sunnyside, we have never had a revival here equal to the one just closed by your brother and my brother in Christ. Surely God is using him in a mighty way and my prayer is that He shall continue to do so.

lives to His service.

"Yours by His matchless grace, "Milton Kresse"

Brother Joe is the busy pastor of the Cashion Place Baptist Church in Oklahoma City and a teacher in the Oklahoma City Bible Institute, but I am happy to report he has promised to give some of his time in the future to the Sword Extension Department. He has given me permission to book him for many one-night engagements with the films and some revival meetings this year.

Evangelist Del Fehsenfeld in Three Campaigns

Miss Fairy Shappard, director of personnel in the SWORD OF THE LORD office, received a letter from Mrs. Del Fehsenfeld. We are taking the liberty of

quoting one paragraph: "The Lord has really been blessing Del with souls this year — he had a good revival in Oswego, Kansas, the first part of January with around forty-five souls saved, I believe. Then the meeting in Los Angeles which followed saw around one hundred saved. He is now in Williston, North Dakota, in a union revival with around seventy-five saved during the first week. We're praising the Lord for the souls saved. Pray with us that many more may be saved before the meeting is over. They may run third week."

Evangelist F. A. Wirth Writes from Rushville,

Illinois Evangelist and Mrs. F. A. Wirth re old friends of my brother, John, (editor of this paper) and myself. He is a fervent preacher of the gospel and she is a lovely lady and fine personal worker. They wrote to my brother during their campaign in Rushville, Illinois, as follows:

Dear Brother Rice and family: "We are in the midst of an old fashioned revival meeting here in a small Baptist Church . . The last three nights God has sent in large crowds and we have felt led to preach against sin in the church. God is blessing. Many are being burdened for the lost; others are starting to show signs

"God is keeping us busy and we are constantly on the move conducting meetings in various localities throughout the middle west. We are seeing souls saved in every meeting and many back-Other copies may be bought at sliders coming back to God. It is wonderful to watch the churches We are spending hundreds of God moves upon them. . . . I take on new life as the Spirit of

"Your messages on Tongues and the Spirit of God,' are wonderand sent out all over the world. Everywhere we go we hear many what a blessing you have been to me! We don't have many great men left who are contending for with health so that you might continue in this great work for years to come, if He tarries. No doubt you are turning as many people

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New Evangelistic Team Formed

Rev. Paul Coulombe of Lacomb, Oregon, writes that he is joining Evangelist Tom C. Fair as song leader. They hope to take sub-scriptions for THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Brother Coulombe

"We had a thrilling campaign with this brother who has only been saved three years, and in evangelistic work about a year and a half.

"In our meetings an ex-convict and pugilist, along with his wife and boy, were saved; also a drunkard and his two boys. Another man who had already fixed his car to commit suicide was gloriously saved and is now attending Powellhurst Bible Institute in Portland. Another drunkard, his wife and children were saved. God is using this brother. We are hoping to be at your next conference.'

Evangelist Clifford Lewis Conducts Successful Campaign in Richmond, Indiana

I have followed Clifford Lewis in several campaigns and in each case he left such a good "taste" that my work was made easier. Then last year, when I was in Albany, Oregon, he dropped in on me and I was not at all disappointed in this man whom I had already learned to admire so much. Big, strapping, friendly genuine! He has preached around the world; has written two or three books, also several gospel tracts which he has given away by the thousands; edits a paper and is in demand for conference as well as revival work. It is good to hear of him through Rev. Homer W. Achor, pastor of the First Evangelical United Brethren Church of Richmond, Indiana, who

"The evangelistic services with Clifford Lewis . . . offer adequate proof that the days of revivals are not over. According to their decision cards, at least forty-four persons accepted Christ for the first time, and thirty-six others rededicated their lives to Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. The total of eighty decisions was about equally divided among adults, young people, and children."

Pastor Commends Evangelist



Evangelist Eddle Wagner

Last November Rev. David S. Nelson called me. recommend an evangelist for a revival campaign in his church. The Lord seemed to lay Evangelist Eddie Wagner on my heart and I suggested that he be contacted. As a result, Evangelist Wagner was called and God gave a blessed revival in which, the pastor writes, 'thirty-two persons came to the altar for confession of faith or rededication of their lives to Jesus Christ, and the church."

In his letter Rev. Nelson also said, "Thanks so much for sending such a wonderful man to us." Actually, we did not "send" Evangelist Wagner - we merely introduced the pastor and evangelist to each other and they felt led of God to arrange for the revival campaign. THE SWORD OF THE LORD Christian Worker's Bureau serves as a sort of clearing house for churches and Christian workers. If your church is in need of an evangelist or a pastor you may write to us and we will try to help you find God's man for your place. There is no charge for

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Evangelist Douglas Winn Sends Good Report

Evangelist Douglas Winn of Martinsville, Virginia, writes to tell of a fine revival campaign just closed in Monmouth, Oregon, in which there were thirty conversions and ten rededications.

At the close of the campaign the Salem Academy, a high school fourteen miles away, invited Mr. Winn to speak in chapel four I believe you will be thrilled, as I was, to read Mr. Winn's account of what happened:

"The first day I did not give an invitation but the second day sixty or more precious souls came forward. When only two came forward the third day the Lord led me to spend a night in prayer. The last day we were singing for an hour and the inquiry room would not hold all these young people. There were more than eighty to come. No one thought of food as we went past the lunch hour. I have never witnessed as much weeping in one service. The revival fire began to fall and students went to teachers to confess sins and to make restitution. Some went to their lockers to destroy cigarettes and other things of sin . . .

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Plan now to spend seven days of your vacation with other Christian workers, studying the Word of God, praying for the power of the Holy Spirit, waiting upon God ning work. for cleansing and instruction and enduement! Christian people, in-stead of forgetting the Lord's Day, forgetting the church and ignoring God and the Bible during vacation, would do well to spend their time having their spiritual batteries recharged, having their hearts newly cleansed and empowered for service. Why not put in application now for your vacation to include July 11-17 and meet us at beautiful Lake Louise?

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out the seven days, God willing. Evangelist Covell Keenum of Decatur. Alabama. Brother Keenum is a fresh and striking speaker, with energy and boldness and courage. He maintains a radio broadcast, edits a paper, maintains evangelistic helpers.

This editor will also be present to preach on soul winning and prayer and the Holy Spirit, to answer Bible questions and to press upon people the need for

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Other Great Sword Conferences Coming!

Other conferences on evangelism sponsored by THE SWORD OF THE LORD will be held at Cedar Lake, Indiana, and at Siloam Springs, Arkansas, during the summer.

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We plan rowboating, motorboat rides, sailboats, shuffleboard, softball and other amusements for those who want to spend the afternoons in that way. There will be plenty of time for rest, besides a very strong program of great teaching and preaching and gospel music and counseling of individuals.

Among the speakers will be Evangelist John Linton of Wheaton, Illinois, besides Evangelist Bill Rice and this editor, John R. Rice. Other numbers will be announced later. Remember the date at Cedar Lake, Indiana, for Sword Conference on Revival and Soul Winning, July 16-24, Saturday through two Sundays.

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By EDITOR JOHN R. RICE

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I was very much pleased that Bill did not seem stiff nor selfconscious before the camera and well as the ear, microphone. He was as free as he is in the pulpit generally, and that means that he spoke with a freshness that is charming and helpful.

I am especially glad that he gave his sermon, "I Am the Way," showing that Christ Himself is the only way to Heaven. I trust we will have reports of many, many souls saved through this gospel sermon on sound film. Many Scriptures on the plan of salvation are used. And the illustrations are intensely interesting. You will never forget the little girl who plays the part of Sandra in one of the illustrations, nor the little girl who drank gasoline and the little boy who saw her horror when she found that it was not water. The story of the airplane pilot having trouble keeping his overloaded plane in the air will keep you in suspense. Actually, this film sermon is about the same as seeing and hearing Bill Rice, with the added charm of the illustra-

tions which appeal to the eye as

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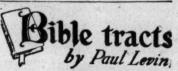
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mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved."

It is so near, so easy! Any penitent heart wanting to be forgiven, wanting to be made new, wanting to be cleansed, can turn and have it settled in a moment, because the word is near, this word of faith, that is, even in your mouth and your heart. What is it? Can you honestly confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus, be-lieving in your heart that God raised Him up from the dead? Then that, this Scripture says, is saving faith!

There are two simple parts to this promise. Take the last part Do you believe that God raised Jesus from the dead? That proves His deity. Do you believe that Jesus really paid for our sins and rose for our justification, and that therefore He is God's own Lamb given to save us? Now if you believe that this resurrected Son is God come in the flesh (as His resurrection proves), are you ready to claim Him as your own Saviour? That is what God here requires. And He says simply that anybody who claims Christ, believing that He is God's own resurrected Son, is saved!

It is so simple as this: every one who is willing to take Christ, God's own resurrected Son, as his Saviour, can have Him. And one who thus believing in Christ claims Him, is instantly saved!

The very minimum is required. If you know that God raised up Jesus from the dead, then you know that He is not an ordinary man. He is God's Son, our Sav-Now if you trust in that kind of a Saviour enough to claim Him, that is enough to insure your salvation! So says the Word of God. And you who have so trusted Christ and claimed Him have an argument that you have a right to bring before God or anybody else that you are saved! According to the Word of God you can know that you have passed from death to life, on the authority of God.

5. Do You Make God a Liar, Doubting His Word?

Let us go back to the passage in I John, chapter 5. We noticed it above, and found that it plainly promised that one may know that he has eternal life. But now consider the whole passage, I John 5:9-13:

"If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that we may believe on the name of the Son of God."

How strange that anyone would receive the witness of men instead of the witness of God! Now God bar given a certain witness concerning His Son. "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself." That is, Christ Himself comes into the heart and saves the soul through the regenerating work of the Holy Spirit. Thus one has within himself the new nature and the indwelling Spirit of God, as witness that he is saved. And one who does not believe what God has written on this matter makes God a liar "because he believeth not the record that God gave of bis Son."

And then God gives us plainly again the written record, which we are to believe, and thus to know that we are saved.

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nath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and ne that hath not the Son of God hath not life."

Then comes this blessed promise: "These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God."

Will you believe this record, put down in the Bible so you might know for sure that you are saved? Are you ready to believe God on the matter and risk Christ on this naked word of Scripture? If you have trusted Christ, He says you are saved. If you have opened the door and received Christ, then you have everlasting life. Oh, today put your trust in Jesus and then know by the Scriptures that you have eternal life!

If one reads this who has not trusted in Christ alone for salvation, I beg you in Jesus' name to trust Him today and take the solvation so freely offered.

Now, dear doubting friend who may read this, will you throw away your doubts and risk the plain Word of God? Or will you make God a liar by doubting His Word?

ance on the plain Word of God may have other assurances also. He may love other Christians in a way that a lost man cannot love them. And thus he may know that he is saved, according to I John 3:14 which says, "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death." The Christian graces will develop in a good Christian so that he can have an added assurance of his salvation in the fact that he has a love for Christians in his heart. But I remind you that this is not the main assurance. The main assurance is the record God has written which, He said, is written "unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life . . . " But there is a sweet added assurance when we discover that we love Christian people as an unsaved person cannot love

Christians. Again, a Christian will find as he grows in grace that he keeps God's commandments. Not perfectly, of course. All of us are sinful and weak. "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us," says I John 1:8. Yet a Christian does love the Word of God and does want to please God. There is something in every born-again Christian that hates sin and wants to keep God's commandments. If a Christian lives near the Lord and grows in grace, he will find Now one who bases his assur- that sweet added assurance of his surance of the Word of God that Wheaton, Illinois.)

salvation. "And hereby we do know what we know him, if we keep his commandments" (I John 2:3).

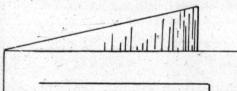
Should a Christian have joy? Yes, and thank God I have much of it. How many, many times the Lord has been so near to me! Sometimes I have rejoiced in His presence so that I have laughed aloud for joy. Sometimes I have said over and over again, "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!" It is very sweet and precious to be conscious of the Lord's presence and to know that He hears our prayers and answers them and to know that He has His power upon us and will use us. I have such feelings and such joys, praise His name! But when feelings God. or disappear fade or change thank God I have the solid rock of God's Word that never changes! God still loves the world! It is still true that God gave His Son, Jesus, to die for sinners! It is still true that the Scripture says, "Whosoever lieveth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." Bless God, when I change, the Bible does not change! When my feelings change, my emotions, God's blessed truth does not change. And I know that I am God's child, that He still has not cast me out, because He said He would not. I know that I have everlasting life and shall not come into condemnation, but am passed from death unto life, because Jesus in John 5:24 plainly says so. Oh, praise the Lord for the solid as-

one who comes to Jesus Christ and trusts Him for forgiveness is saved! Salvation is by faith in Christ, not faith in one's emotions. So the strongest assurance is by the Word.

I urge everyone who reads this, then, to throw away all your doubts and depend from this time forth on what God has promised in the Word and what Jesus has done on the cross and is doing now as our High Priest at the right hand of God. Our sins are paid for! And if we have trusted Him for salvation we are saved. We know so because He said so! How blessed are those who know they are saved and who have this assurance based on the Word of

So we are told about the converts at Pentecost "they that gladly received his word were baptized."

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